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Joint Statement on SCOTUS college admissions ruling

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Yesterday, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that race-based admissions to colleges and universities violates the 14th amendment, essentially closing the door on decades of progress in educational attainment for students from underrepresented minority communities.

We view the ruling as a VERY devastating one that will age poorly in the annals of American history.

Affirmative action in admissions has been one of the key tools used to level the playing field for individuals with great minds and big dreams, who might not otherwise be able to pursue their goals in higher education.

Millions who have benefitted from these admission policies have risen to the highest levels of U.S. leadership in government, academia, politics, law, science, engineering, business, and medicine, to name just a few. They not only proved that they belong, they excelled against the odds to make great contributions to our nation and to make our communities forever better.

We are greatly disappointed in the SCOTUS ruling, and we hope one day soon it is reversed.